



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

DATE: January 1, 2016
(Weeks of December 16 – December 31, 2015)

*This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks;
however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.*

*This report represents the county that the event took place within, not the
assigned county of the Conservation Police Officer.*

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Jones cited a Savanna man for driving off the roadway at Mississippi Palisades State Park. The man got his vehicle stuck having to call a tow service to get it removed.

CPO Jones and CPOT Cox stopped a vehicle at Mississippi Palisades State Park for expired registration. The Bettendorf man who was driving was arrested for driving while license suspended in Illinois. The Bettendorf man was issued a written warning for the expired registration.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled Apple River Canyon State Park. A Warren man was issued a ticket after he was seen urinating in one of the main parking areas of the park, the public restroom was 100 ft away and in plain view.

Written warnings and tickets were issued to the drivers of speeding cars as they travelled through the park.

CPO Hoogerwerf conducted commercial inspections on two ginseng dealers and a deer and turkey outfitters. A written warning was issued for failure to maintain complete records.

LEE COUNTY

CPO Teas and Sgt. Frazier arrested two Lee County hunters for transportation of loaded and uncased shotguns and unlawfully hunting by use and aid of a motor vehicle after they were observed driving slowly along a waterway in a field near Amboy. The CPOs made contact with the subjects on the north end of the field and found them trying to quickly unload one of the shotguns. The subjects received multiple citations and both shotguns were seized.

MERCER COUNTY

CPO Posateri met with the Mercer County Animal Control who had taken possession of four turtles from an animal hoarding case. They had obtained a court order to take possession of all animals on the premises. The four box turtles appeared to have been in captivity for many years. One turtle was an Ornate Box turtle which is listed on the Illinois Endangered/Threatened Species List. All of them were relayed to the IDNR Herpetologist and will be placed in licensed rehabilitation facilities.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Teas arrested a Leaf River man on multiple counts of wildlife charges in Ogle County. The man killed two bucks during the first firearm season without any permits or license. The subject killed the two bucks on two different properties, neither of which he had permission to hunt or enter. During the retrieval of one of the deer, the subject drove an ATV through a large amount of standing corn to get to the deer. The subject then went firearm hunting again the following day when he was confronted by the landowner about the corn. The subject got nervous about being investigated and loaded the deer up and took them to a family member's house in Byron. Once the family member was contacted by the hunter about the CPO investigating the incident, the deer were thrown in the river to conceal the evidence. The hunter received numerous citations including unlawful take of whitetail deer, wanton waste, hunting without permission, no hunting license and his shotgun was seized. The family member was later charged for wanton waste and pollution of a waterway.

CPO Teas arrested two hunters in Ogle County on numerous wildlife charges. The subjects had killed four different deer throughout the 2015 hunting season. One of the deer was killed over bait and never tagged and checked in. Two of the deer were taken with archery equipment during firearm season. During their retrieval of one of the deer during firearm season, they used a .22 rifle to dispatch the deer when they found it still alive. The last deer they killed was with a bow, was never tagged or checked in, and they had no valid permits to take it. The bow, a .22 rifle, a shotgun, multiple deer and meat were seized. The subjects received a total of 15 wildlife charges between the two.

CPO Teas and CPOT Cox concluded an investigation in Ogle County of multiple violations involving the unlawful use of landowner permits. One hunter killed a buck during the firearm deer season despite having only antlerless permits. The hunter then used the landowner's either sex permit to tag and check the deer. A second hunter killed two deer during the firearm season and used the landowner's remaining permit to tag and check one of his deer. The subject used the landowner's permit despite having two permits of his own because he wanted to continue hunting. Both hunters and the owner of the permits received charges for the violations.

CPO Teas arrested a subject for driving while suspended in Ogle County.

CPO Teas spoke at a snowmobile safety class in Ogle County.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Fraser issued a Stephenson County man a citation for failure to tag traps while investigating a trapping without permission complaint. The owner of the property where the traps were located did not wish to press charges for trespassing or trapping without permission and only wanted the traps removed. The original complainant was unavailable for follow-up contact when the suspect was apprehended.

CPO ALT is working an ongoing investigation of deer poaching near the county line from Thanksgiving weekend.

District 6 -Sgt Hank Frazier

(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Alt responded to an ongoing landowner complaint of hunter interference and criminal trespass in Boone County. This complaint originated in October where the suspect was caught trespassing on a trail camera. This suspect was recently identified as a homeless individual who used to live in the immediate area. This suspect by all indications is homeless, wanted on warrant(s), and a sovereign citizen who has a history of not cooperating with law enforcement. CPO Alt and two Boone County Sheriff's Deputies spent over four hours walking area public and private wooded properties in search of this suspect the morning following the latest sighting. They were unsuccessful locating this suspect but increased patrols between the two agencies will continue.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO N. Murry responded to a wooded area east of the Kingston Park in regards to two individual's deer hunting with rifles. Upon arrival CPO Murry observed one of the individuals lay a rifle down before walking to his location. After getting closer to the hunter, CPO Murry located the rifle which had been sat down under a bush about 5 feet from a 25 lb. apple flavored salt block. The hunter informed officers that his hunting partner had taken off when he saw the officer approach. A check of the subject's hunting privileges revealed he had none of the required license or stamps. Further investigation revealed he had no FOID card. The second hunter was later located at a residence a short distance away. The second hunter was hunting with a crossbow, but had none of the required license or stamps. The first hunter was charged with no valid hunting license, no valid habitat stamp, no valid deer tags, hunting whitetail deer over bait, unlawful attempt to take whitetail deer with illegal methods (rifle), possession of a firearm without FOID card, possession of ammunition without FOID card. The second hunter was charged with no valid hunting license, no valid habitat stamp, no valid deer permit, and hunting whitetail deer over bait.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Filipiak was on numerous foot patrols at Matthiessen State Park and Starved Rock State Park, numerous violations were discovered: three individuals were issued a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia; four individuals were issued citations for possession of cannabis; three individuals were issued citations for remaining in an area of Starved Rock which had been closed.

CPO Filipiak was on foot patrol at Buffalo Rock State Park and observed an individual in a restricted area. After initial contact the individual was exhibiting signs of being under the influence of a controlled substance. The individual would not obey commands and tried running to elude an arrest. The individual was taken into custody as backup from Illinois State Police arrived on scene. The individual was lodged at LaSalle County Jail for obstruction of justice and resisting a peace officer.

While checking waterfowl hunters on the Illinois River CPO Kaufman found an individual in possession of toxic shot (lead). A citation was issued.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Finn and CPOT Stanbary interviewed a Henry man after getting a tip about him shooting a deer from the roadway. It was found that the individual had driven his truck until he spotted some deer; he pulled over and shot the deer. The road was too busy so he did not pick up the deer. The Henry man was charged with seven violations to include hunting by use of a motor vehicle, hunting from a roadway, unlawful take and wanton waste.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Fraser assisted the Illinois State Police during a pop-up snow storm and handled crashes related to the icy road conditions.

While on a late night patrol in Winnebago County, CPO Fraser observed a vehicle swerving across lanes of traffic and into oncoming lanes. CPO Fraser initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and upon approaching it smelled the strong, distinct odor of cannabis. The driver of the vehicle stated she was swerving because she was distracted by her small dog and did not have any cannabis in the vehicle. CPO Fraser called for an ISP canine unit to assist with the stop. When the

canine unit arrived on scene the driver admitted to being in possession of cannabis and paraphernalia. The driver showed signs of impairment during field sobriety testing and admitted to ingesting cannabis before leaving the house. The driver was arrested on cannabis, paraphernalia, and DUI charges and transported to the Winnebago County Jail. Her vehicle was towed and her pet was picked up by Winnebago County Animal Control to be held until she was released from jail.

CPO's Alt and Fraser responded to two complaints of burglary to a motor vehicle in Rock Cut State Park. A third complaint of burglary to a motor vehicle was also called in at the same time and investigated by Loves Park Police Department. The smash and grab style break-in targeted only purses vs. an entire inventory of the vehicles.

A week later, CPO Alt was notified by Hoffman Estates Police Detectives who had taken four individuals into custody in their jurisdiction for attempted burglary to motor vehicle(s). Item(s) found in their possession matched that from one of the state park victims. Investigation ongoing.

District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson ascertained information referencing falsification of harvest reports and falsification of residency. Additional information was received about an active violation taking place at the location the suspected falsification incidents had taken place. Upon arrival at the farm, CPO Thompson located some of the suspects involved in the allegations. After performing a standard compliance check, one hunter was found to be hunting in McDonough County with improper permits. After a lengthy interview, the suspect was hesitant to admit being involved in any of the violations. During a follow up interview, the suspect admitted involvement in the allegations. Further, a non-resident suspect was interviewed by a Wisconsin Conservation Warden and admitted to harvesting a 9 point buck and using a resident's permit to tag the buck. In addition, the non-resident admitted to using another resident's permit to tag an 8 point buck the year prior. Both bucks and a bow were seized in the incident and multiple citations were issued.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Reid arrested a subject wanted on a \$3000 dollar warrant out of Tazewell county. The subject was transported to the Henderson county jail.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Van Zant was called out at approximately 3:00 a.m. by a local Police Department. A subject had shot a deer with a cross bow out of the window of his vehicle. CPO Van Zant interviewed the subjects, obtained written statements, and issued multiple citations.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Rich Riedel

(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

KANE COUNTY

CPO Siedsma issued written warning to a waterfowl hunter for not having his license in possession while hunting. CPO Siedsma issued several citations to a subject for hunting deer with a rifle. Witnesses observed a male subject enter the woods north of Elgin with a rifle and observed the subject aiming the rifle at several deer. Elgin police and CPO

Siedsma responded, the male subject fled, witnesses were able to identify the vehicle and license plate which led to the arrest of the subject two days later.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Davis cited a subject for pheasant hunting with an unplugged shotgun. He was also issued a written warning for the gun being loaded on the highway.

CPO Davis investigated multiple stands illegally placed on state property. Further investigation is pending.

CPO Kelley issued written warnings to two waterfowl hunters in Volo.

Pending an investigation, CPO Wagner cited an individual for unlawfully feeding deer in a subdivision in Ingleside.

While checking deer hunters at Oak Point, COLSP, CPO Wagner cited an individual for hunting whitetail deer without valid deer permit.

While checking waterfowl hunters near Volo, CPO Wagner cited an individual for hunting with shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells.

CPO Wagner also issued written warnings for the following: no habitat stamp while pheasant hunting; deer permit not in possession or signed; expired registration; and federal waterfowl stamp not signed.

CPO Winters investigated a subject who recorded a deer harvest within 40 minutes of purchasing the deer tag. The subject admitted to shooting the deer the night prior to purchasing the tags, hunting license, habitat stamp and reporting the harvest. The subject was issued citations for hunting without deer tags and hunting without a hunting license. Multiple written warnings were issued. A 9 point buck was seized as evidence.

McHENRY COUNTY

While conducting patrol of Stratton Lock and Dam, CPO Wagner pulled over an individual for speeding. The driver was found to be driving on revoked driver's license and arrested.

CPOs Semenik and Hurt conducted a deer decoy/spotlight detail in rural McHenry County. A pickup truck stopped in the roadway and the driver shot at the decoy out the window and then led the CPOs on an 11-mile pursuit when they attempted to pull over the pickup. The pickup eventually pulled over. The driver was arrested for shooting from the roadway, hunting by aid of conveyance/vehicle lights, transportation of two loaded shotguns, DUI-drugs, and two counts of felony fleeing and eluding. The driver's two loaded shotguns were seized as evidence. A passenger was also arrested for transportation of loaded shotgun and possession of alcohol by a minor.

CPO Kelley investigated a harvested deer whose antlers appeared to have been broken post-harvest. After conducting interviews with two individuals, CPO Kelley found the antlers had, indeed, been broken posthumously, as the deer would have been the third antlered deer harvested by one of the hunters. The hunter in violation was issued a citation and several written warnings.

District 3 – Sgt. Mark Simon **(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)**

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Wollgast continued to wrap up a very lengthy investigation into a fatal canoe accident.

CPO Anderson investigated a complaint of several whole deer carcasses dumped in a ravine. The carcasses were found to be road kill.

CPO Wollgast assisted the Grundy State's Attorney with a request to conduct surveillance on a potential drug house using a FLIR device.

CPO Anderson conducted numerous waterfowl hunter inspections at Braidwood Lake and Mazonia Fish & Wildlife Area.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Mieure organized and conducted four night illegal hunting details in Kankakee County. Assisting were CPOs Anderson, Honiotes, Kasher, Reid, and Wollgast.

CPO Vadbunker and Mieure continue to check baited deer stands.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland conducted commercial inspections in Kendall County. No enforcement action was taken.

CPO Bergland and Kasher assisted a fisheries biologist with a DNR presentation to a class of 5th graders.

CPO Bergland performed a traffic stop of a vehicle that resulted in citations being issued for driving while license suspended and driving without proof of Insurance. Written warnings were issued for three other Vehicle Code violations.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Honiotes attended a hunter safety class and a snowmobile safety class.

CPO Reid and Honiotes conducted a patrol on private property where a trespass complaint exists with the owner. Two individuals were contacted who stated they were coyote hunting. One subject had a crossbow and the other had an AR15. One of the individuals had also been observed walking thru the adjacent Forest Preserve with his weapon. Neither subject had permission to hunt on either property. CPO Honiotes had spoken to one of the subjects the week before and the subject claimed to have received permission, but the landowner advised that this was not true. Citations were issued for hunting without the permission and the weapons were seized as evidence.

CPO Honiotes conducted a patrol on private property where hunting is prohibited and a trespass complaint exists with the landowner. He observed a subject parked at the property preparing to hunt. The subject claimed to have been given permission by a subject that didn't exist. A check on the subject through Point of Sale determined that the subject had killed a deer in a different county during firearm season but had failed to tag the deer as required and still possessed the tag that should have been used to tag the deer. A citation was issued for the tagging violation and a written warning was issued for the trespass violation.

CPO Honiotes checked multiple deer hunters and issued three warnings for not wearing required blaze orange clothing.

CPO Honiotes finished an investigation into hunter harassment. A warning was issued for the violation.

CPO Honiotes conducted recertification training for LEADS and for HAZMAT.

CPO Honiotes conducted commercial inspections in Will County.

District 4 – Sgt. Bill Shannon

(Counties: Cook & DuPage)

COOK COUNTY

CPO Macias received a tip about a deer that was taken in another county by a Cook County resident approximately 1 hr. 20 minutes after the permit was issued. CPO Macias has tried several times with no luck to contact the subject. The investigation is ongoing. Update: CPO Macias met with the subject and issued a citation for hunting without valid deer permit

CPO Macias received a call and pictures of a dead buck near William Powers State Fish and Game area by a subject who wanted to keep the rack. CPO Macias spoke with the subject and a salvage tag was issued.

CPO Macias and CPOT Poffenberger were conducting general enforcement inside William Powers State Fish and Game Area when they noticed a vehicle not make a complete stop at a stop sign. The officers stopped the vehicle and when they approached, the driver immediately admitted to not having a valid driver's license for the past 6 years. The driver was cited for driving without a valid license and a written warning for the stop sign.

CPO Macias and CPOT Poffenberger were checking several fishermen inside the Calumet River, one subject was found to not have his valid license in possession. A written warning was issued.

LAKE COUNTY

CPOs Farber and Gilmer attended the 1st Annual Lake Zurich Shop with a Cop. Children from all over Lake County attended the event.

CPOs Farber and Gilmer arrested a subject for hunting by the use/aid of bait. The subject was also warned for failure to report road kill deer.

CPO Farber is currently involved in an administrative permit investigation. A Tennessee game warden has been contacted for assistance.

CPO Farber arrested a Wadsworth man for driving while license revoked. The subject was revoked for DUI. He was arrested and taken to the Zion Police Department for processing.

CPO Farber checked several archery deer hunters at Illinois Beach State Park. No violations of the Wildlife Code or Park AD Rules were discovered.

CPO Farber attended a grand jury at 29th and California in Chicago. The subject was indicted for aggravated DUI.

While working the second shotgun season in Iroquois County, CPO Farber issued a citation for hunting with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells.

CPO Farber cited a man for not meeting blaze orange requirements during the second shotgun season.

After a lengthy investigation by CPOs Vaughan and Farber, CPO Farber arrested a Wisconsin subject for unlawfully hunting by the use/aid of bait and hunting without a valid non-resident archery deer permit. The Wisconsin man had a trash can full of corn near his ground blind. A mineral block and more corn were found spread on the ground in front of the blind.

CPO Vaughan handled a property damage accident at Illinois Beach State Park. The driver was cited for improper lane usage.

CPO Vaughan responded to a complaint of individuals illegally hunting Illinois Beach State Park. The subjects were located and found to be participants in the state park hunting program. The subjects were accessing the park from an adjacent homeowner's property. Written warnings were issued.

CPO Vaughan issued a written warning for failure to report archery deer harvest by 10 p.m.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum stopped and inspected three timber trucks. CPO Wellum issued one truck a written warning.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Wellum inspected an Outfitter as part of random commercial inspection assignment. No violations were noted.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Bethany man after it was discovered that the man had shot a 6 point buck in rural Moultrie County and never tagged it or reported the harvest as required. The man received citations and a must appear court date.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited a Moweaqua man for the unlawful sale of wild game meat. The man who processes deer out of his garage was selling deer sausage to coworkers. The man was given a must appear court date.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright assisted Macon County with a traffic stop with a plate that was expired. The driver was wanted out of Decatur for retail theft. The license plate came back to a different vehicle and the expiration sticker came back to a third vehicle. The driver was arrested on multiple felonies.

MC LEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden issued a citation to a McLean County hunter for unlawfully allowing his juvenile son to archery hunt whitetail deer without a valid permit. The father was also issued two written warnings under the parental responsibility section for unlawful take of a whitetail deer and failure to immediately tag a deer upon harvest. The father and son were new to deer hunting and mistakenly believed they could share the father's landowner's permits based on the fact his son is a juvenile.

CPO Reeves received a complaint of a stolen boat from a storage facility from a few years before. The complainant stated that he had not reported it stolen at the time because he could not find his boat registration. The complainant saw a listing on Craigslist that had a picture of a boat that matched the description of the stolen boat. He provided CPO Reeves with a list of specific items to look for on the boat. CPO Reeves and Sgt Williamson went to the address of the person listing the boat on Craigslist and got permission to search the boat. The boat listed for sale did not match the descriptors that were listed by the complainant. The complainant was advised to contact the McLean County Sheriff's Department so the boat could be entered as stolen into LEADS.

REGION 3: CPO Reeves and CPO Tapley trained all of Region 3 and several officers from Region 2 on ground fighting in Mahomet. This is a new section of vital training that has not been offered in several years. CPOs Tapley and Reeves developed the training curriculum.

VERMILION COUNTY

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REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt received a call from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department of a woman who could not get out of her house because of the rising Illinois River. CPO Weishaupt responded by boat and assisted the woman in leaving her residence.

JERSEY COUNTY

Sgt. Wagner received a call from the Jersey County Sheriff's Department of a missing hunter at Stump Lake. Sgt. Wagner instructed them to put an ambulance on standby. Sgt. Wagner responded to Stump Lake and met two hunters, who were also volunteer firefighters. They told Sgt. Wagner one hunter was still out in the area. The area closes at 4:30 p.m. and it was now 6:30 p.m. Using a boat, Sgt. Wagner and the volunteer firefighters found the hunter in a duck blind unconscious and barely breathing. Sgt. Wagner radioed for the ambulance and included the condition of the subject. They loaded the hunter in the boat and headed for the boat ramp. The ambulance was waiting for them when they arrived. The subject was transported to St. Anthony's Hospital in Alton and has made a full recovery.

CPO Gushleff and Weishaupt assisted Grafton Police Department in looking for a missing woman who may have been swept away during the heavy rains. Using a boat they ran sonar in an area of interest and they conducted sweeps with search dogs.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff received a complaint at 4:30 a.m. from a Macoupin County deputy of an illegal deer. The Deputy and a Beneld City Officer stopped a vehicle with an untagged deer. A subject sitting in the back seat had an uncased crossbow. The deputy seized the crossbow and deer and CPO Gushleff told him he would follow up later. Later in the morning, CPO Gushleff located one of the subjects. The subject had just finished bow hunting with a crossbow he borrowed from his friend. The subject did not have any valid deer permits on him and he admitted to shooting the untagged deer with a crossbow from a vehicle from the roadway at 3:30 a.m.

MC DONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Wheatley responded to a complaint of a man shooting a river otter in a pond. CPO Wheatley interviewed a subject and obtained a confession from him. The subject took CPO Wheatley to the location of the river otter. The subject was tired of the river otter eating his fish.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Drone received a complaint of four deer carcasses being dumped illegally with the leg tags still on them. The heads and capes were removed but none of the meat had been removed. Using Point of Sale, CPO Drone found only one of the four hunters had a hunting license and habitat stamp. CPO Drone conducted interviews and issued citations for wanton waste.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

CPO Elliott and CPO Bettis were on patrol near Jim Edgar Panther Creek when they observed a vehicle parked near a field. Further investigation revealed the subject was an out-of-state resident and was hunting nearby. A hunting compliance check uncovered that the subject was found to be hunting without a valid hunting license. The subject was given a Hunting Digest and informed of the required documentation and was issued one citation.

CPO Elliott and CPO Thornley responded to an injured owl complaint. After locating the owl, it was found to have a trap on its feet. Further investigation led to the discovery of a property with a fenced-in area containing live birds. Several traps were found on top of the posts to this fenced-in area. Investigation is pending.

LOGAN COUNTY

CPO Elliott and CPO Thornley were on patrol in Logan County when they encountered a red truck on the southbound side of I-155. A motorist assist was initiated through dispatch. The driver was grabbing the left side of his chest continuously and complaining of severe chest pain. The driver explained he had heart issues in the past and had an episode approximately three weeks ago. After checking his pulse, a request for EMS was initiated through dispatch. The gentleman became lifeless and both CPOs began CPR procedures bringing the subject back to life twice before assistance arrived. The Hartsburg Fire Department, Lincoln Rural Fire Department, and Logan County Ambulance responded. Contact with the individual was made several days later and he explained how thankful he was and how he was going to be okay.

MASON

CPO Elliott and CPO Tanke completed a timber truck investigation regarding the unlawful transportation of walnut logs coming from Illinois and delivering them out of the state without the proper documentation and proof of ownership. An explanation of the law was given and one citation was issued.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPOs Bettis and Thornley apprehended two Sangamon County juvenile subjects for stealing three trail cameras and four hunting chairs. All the items were recovered in good condition. The items have an estimated value of \$900 dollars. The case information will be forwarded to the Juvenile Division of the Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office.

CPOs Bettis and Thornley investigated several deer cases involving permit tagging violations. The cases resulted in the three subjects receiving one citation and five written warnings.

CPOs Bettis and Thornley assisted the Springfield Fire Department with the rescue of a whitetail deer buck from a clean water retention pond. The deer was removed alive and released.

CPO Bettis gave a presentation to 10 Cub Scout members and their parents on the duties of a Conservation Police Officer in Rochester.

CPO Elliott and CPO Bettis responded to a complaint of hunting waterfowl without permission in the Dawson area of Sangamon County. CPOs Elliott and Bettis encountered a firearm deer hunter on their way through the timber to the location described in the complaint. While conversing with the hunter we observed a boat through the timber and began to walk to that area. CPO Bettis located the hunters and initiated a compliance check. The hunters explained they did not know how far they had gone from where they had permission to be. Two citations were issued for hunting without permission.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

BOND COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier finished a deer investigation on a deer hunter who harvested two whitetail deer does on the opener of the firearm deer season but only had one deer permit at that time. The hunter later confessed that he bought another deer permit after he shot the second doe. The hunter was cited for hunting without a valid deer permit and issued two written warnings.

PERRY COUNTY

Sgt. Manker and CPOT Knop were patrolling Pyramid State Park working waterfowl hunters. While moving into position to observe a group of hunters on private property, they encountered a vehicle parked along a small wooded area. CPOT Knop knew the owner of the property and suspected the subject did not have permission to hunt the property. The hunter was located on the property in possession of a compound bow, climber stand, and deer lure. When initially questioned, the subject stated he was just "scouting" for deer. Further investigation revealed he was indeed hunting and he did not have a hunting license, habitat stamp, or a permit. The subject's privileges to purchase these licenses/permits were revoked due to child support violations.

Sgt. Manker and CPOT Knop observed three subjects hunting from a stake blind at Pyramid State Park. The subjects were checked for compliance and they were issued warnings for failure to maintain separate bag limits.

Sgt. Manker, CPO Tapley, and CPOT Knop were patrolling Pyramid State Park working waterfowl hunters. They responded to a complaint of hunters on public property, hunting too close to private property (hunters are required to be 100 yards from private property on Pyramid). They located two subjects goose hunting along the property line. A compliance check was performed and the hunters received warnings for the property line violation.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Ray arrested a St. Clair County subject for harvesting a 10 pt. buck without an archery deer permit and failure to attach harvest tag immediately upon kill. The individual was archery deer hunting in Randolph County. The subject purchased his hunting license and habitat stamp online. He was unable to purchase his archery permit online. He planned on purchasing his permit the next day after his morning hunt. His plans changed when he shot a 10 pt. buck the next morning. He trailed the deer for several hours prior to finding his trophy harvest. The 10 pt. head and rack was seized from a local taxidermist.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier cited two ATV riders for riding on the Metro East Sanitary District property along the Mississippi River by East St. Louis.

CPO Rolfingsmeier finished a deer investigation on a deer hunter who harvested a doe on the first day of the first firearm deer season and purchased an antlerless only deer permit after he harvested the doe. The reason the hunter told CPO Rolfingsmeier he did this is because he didn't want to use his either sex tag on doe. The hunter was cited for failure to tag immediately upon kill.

CPO Schachner and CPOT Knop were on patrol when they observed multiple trucks engaged in coyote hunting with the aid of dogs. After watching the vehicles/hunters for an extended period of time, the officers approached (on foot) one of the trucks as it left a field. The elderly driver possessed a loaded .22 mag rifle and the elderly passenger possessed an uncased .22 mag rifle. They each received citations for the uncased/loaded guns and were given verbal warnings on hunting with the aid of a vehicle. The driver (a former hunter safety course instructor) had previously been cited for the same violation by CPO Schachner several years prior.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Johnson conducted an administrative investigation on a deer harvest irregularity. The subject was cited for hunting deer without a valid permit.

CPO Lay assisted CPO Williams with an open TIPS complaint into the investigation of illegally taken spoonbill fish at the Rend Lake Spillway. Two Franklin County anglers were contacted and interviewed. Officers issued a citation and two written warnings for the unlawful take of spoonbill fish with a bow and arrow device.

CPO Lay and CPO Williams began an investigation into an illegally taken beaver suspected to have been shot with a shotgun.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff investigated the death of a Bald Eagle. After retrieving the eagle near power lines, burn marks and charred feathers were observed. The eagle will be sent to the repository in Colorado.

POPE COUNTY

During the warmer weather, CPO Johnson conducted a fishing patrol from a boat. A subject was found in possession of 7 largemouth bass, four of which were under the minimum length limit. The subject was cited for unlawful possession of largemouth over the statewide possession limit of six. The subject was issued a written warning for possession of for bass under the minimum length limit.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Lay cited two waterfowl hunters on Rend Lake for unlawfully hunting within the 200 yards between hunting parties. The hunters were contacted on the lake and a range finder found them to be within 110 yards of the complainant's boat.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Johnson watched a subject shoot multiple shots into a pond. He approached the subject and discovered he was unlawfully shooting at a beaver. A further interview revealed the subject was a convicted felon. The gun was seized and the subject was taken to jail. He was charged with unlawful possession of a gun by a felon, unlawful possession of ammunition by felon, no hunting license, and unlawful take of beaver. He was given a \$25,000 bond.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins cited a Chicago hunter for hunting over bait in Saline County.

CPO Diggins is pursuing charges of unlawful purchase of a firearm, a Class 2 Felony, on a Harrisburg woman who purchased a firearm for a convicted felon from a licensed gun dealer in Harrisburg. The boyfriend was arrested by CPO Diggins in a drug arrest in Saline County with the pistol in his possession.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff investigated the complaint of several deer and a fox being found near an oil pump site. The complaint stated she has already talked to IEMA, EPA, and DNR about issues with contamination and worries about the wildlife population. She stated all the animals found dead were no longer there. She will contact again if more wild animals are discovered.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

CLAY COUNTY

CPO Smith was patrolling in Clay County and observed a white color pickup truck parked on the public roadway. CPO Smith did not see anyone in or near the vehicle. CPO Smith looked into the interior of the vehicle and observed a long gun with at least 4 inches of the stock hanging out and a pistol in a holster case with a magazine inserted into it. CPO Smith walked into the wooded area and found the individual clearing brush with a chainsaw. CPO Smith asked the individual to go back to his vehicle and advised him there was an issue with his expired registration and uncased firearms. CPO Smith and the individual arrived to the truck. CPO Smith had him open the door of the vehicle where CPO Smith then checked the firearms. The pistol had a magazine inserted and had rounds within the magazine. CPO Smith issued a written warning for expired registration and one citation for uncased/loaded firearm in vehicle.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith conducted an interview with a person whose name appeared on the early deer permit purchase/harvest report. The individual shot two antlerless deer and did not want to place an either sex tag on one. He instead drove to a vendor with an untagged deer, purchased an antlerless only permit, and then tagged the deer. CPO Smith issued a citation to the individual for failing to tag the deer immediately upon kill.

RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Smith conducted an interview with a person whose name appeared on the early deer permit purchase/harvest report. The individual only had one antlerless only firearm permit when he went hunting. He shot two deer and went to a vendor to purchase another permit. CPO Smith issued a written warning for failing to tag deer immediately upon kill and a citation for taking a deer without a permit.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson assisted Johnson County Deputies with an arrest warrant after discovering the subject was in possession of two deer racks that were not tagged. The subject stated they were from road kill deer he had found. He was cited for failure to acquire salvage deer tags.

CPO Thompson completed an administrative investigation and found that the deer a subject had reported harvested, within 15 minutes of purchase of deer permit, had actually been killed by another person. All subjects involved were charged with unlawful possession of deer.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Thompson was the first on the scene of a three car crash in Massac County. After checking for personal injuries he advised EMS personnel and then assisted with traffic control until all injured parties were transported to the local Emergency Room and all vehicles had been towed away.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis was patrolling an area of Pyramid State Park where there has been consistent issues with ATVs operating in the park and damaging the roads and wildlife habitat. While patrolling, he observed and made contact with two subjects operating their ATVs on park property. Both subjects were issued citations for operating their ATVs in the park.

CPO Lewis is looking into a hunting accident that occurred during the first firearm season but was not reported until 12/22/15. A resident hunter fell out of his stand and was injured.

CPOs are investigating multiple complaints of vandalism and theft which is occurring at Pyramid State Park during the daily duck blind drawing. There are reports of items being stolen from vehicles and vandalism to boats and trailers.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Boston arrested a Williamson County subject for archery hunting deer by use/aid of bait. The subject had spread shelled corn approximately 20 yards from his ground blind.

CPO Boston and a Georgia Ranger have been working on a case together that involved three subjects from Georgia coming to Illinois bow hunting. The subjects had each killed deer in the first week in November and had not reported the harvests. The Georgia officer found the three deer at a taxidermist in Georgia with no head tags. CPO Boston has issued citations to each of the subjects for failure to report the harvested deer and written warnings for the unlawful possession. The three are facing charges by the Georgia Ranger for chronic wasting violation of Georgia law. The three deer heads were seized by Georgia DNR. The three Georgia subjects reported the harvest after the taxidermist told them the game warden had visited his shop.

CPO Boston charged two Williamson County subjects for no valid deer permit hunting white tail deer with bow and arrow.